

Factoring RSA-240 and computing discrete logarithms in a 240-digit prime field with the same software and hardware

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Introduction: public-key cryptography

1976 (Diffie–Hellman, DH) and 1977 (Rivest–Shamir–Adleman, RSA)

Asymmetric means distinct public and private keys

- encryption with a public key
- decryption with a private key
- deducing the private key from the public key is a very hard problem

Two hard problems:

- Integer factorization (for RSA)
- Discrete logarithm computation in a finite cyclic group (for Diffie–Hellman)

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Hard tasks without knowing p, q if N is large enough:

- computing $(p - 1)(q - 1)$,
- computing a square root $\sqrt{x} = x^{1/2} \bmod N$,
- computing an e -th root $x^{1/e} \bmod N$.

RSA, security, attacks

The mathematical security relies on the hardness of computing d from N, e .
 p, q are required to compute $\varphi(N)$

→ security relies on the hardness of **integer factorization**.

Usecases:

ssh-keygen (linux), PGP: Enigmail on Thunderbird, Protonmail.

Note that short keys are not allowed:

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ssh-keygen -b 512 -t rsa
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Invalid RSA key length: minimum is 1024 bits

Survey by Dan Boneh in 1999 on many attacks because of wrong parameters or usage:

 [Dan Boneh.](#)

Twenty years of attacks on the RSA cryptosystem.

Notices of the AMS, 46(2):203–213, February 1999.

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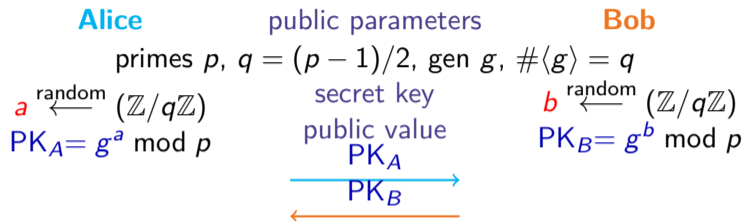
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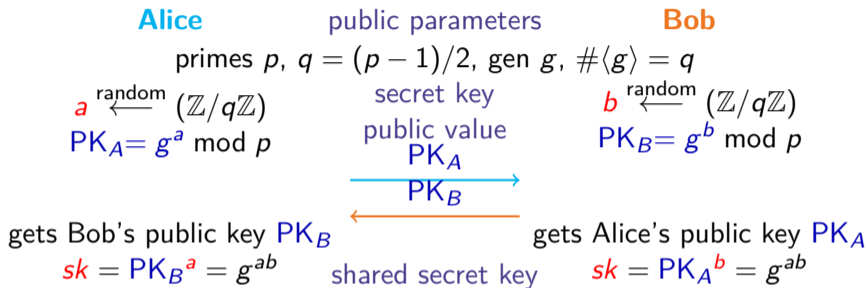
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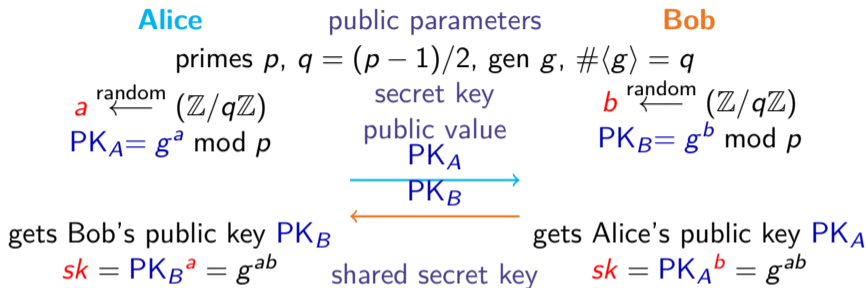
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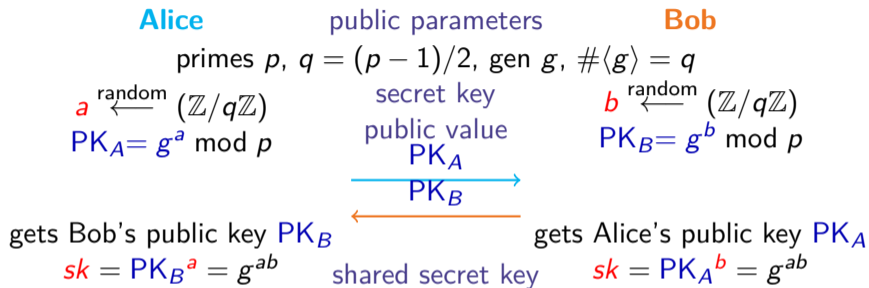


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Discrete Logarithm Problem

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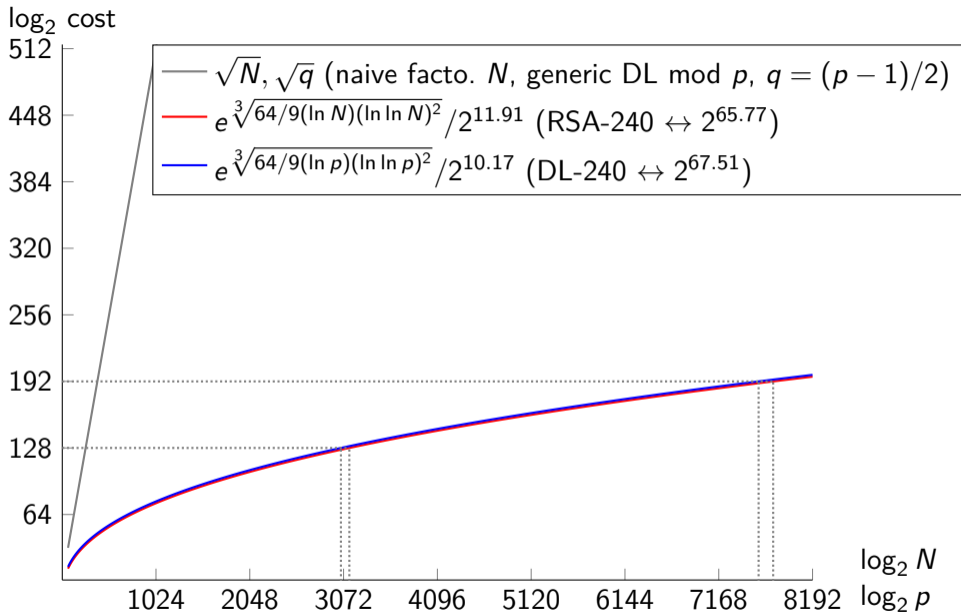
For RSA with modulus N , for DH with prime field $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ and subgroup of prime order q :

n bits of security \longleftrightarrow the best (mathematical) attack should take at least 2^n steps

- what is the fastest attack?
- how much time does it take with respect to $\text{length}(N)$, resp. $\text{length}(p)$ and $\text{length}(q)$?

RSA and DH keys are much larger.

Cipher suite: a pair of symmetric and asymmetric ciphers offering the same level of security.



Factorization, Discrete Log Computation

Factor RSA modulus N of 240 decimal digits (795 bits)

$N =$

124620366781718784065835044608106590434820374651678805754818
788883289666801188210855036039570272508747509864768438458621
054865537970253930571891217684318286362846948405301614416430
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Computes Discrete Log in $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$, $p = N + 49204$, $(p - 1)/2$ prime

hardware:

Intel Xeon Gold 6130 processors, 2 CPUs, 16 physical cores/CPU, at 2.10 GHz

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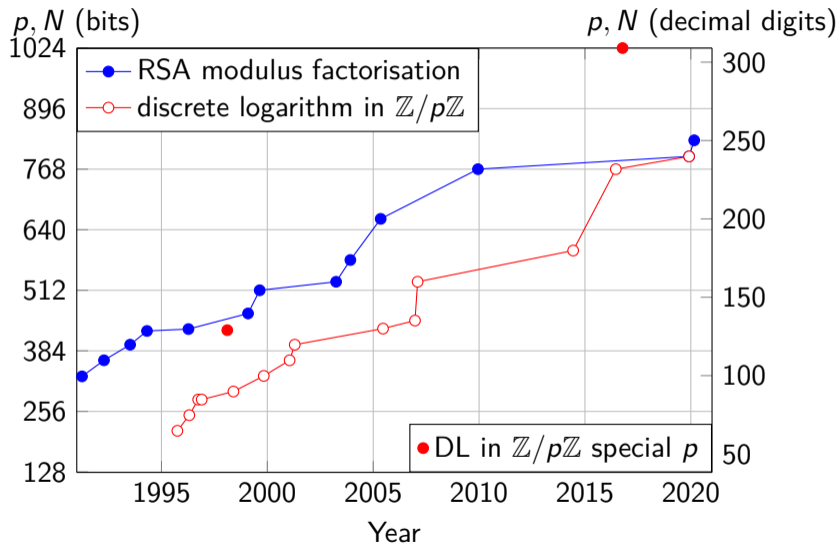
Integer factorization algorithms:

- trial division: try all prime numbers up to e.g. 10^7
- ECM (Elliptic Curve Method, Lenstra 87): find medium-size factors
- Quadratic sieve: N up to 100 decimal digits (dd)
- Number Field Sieve: N larger than 100 dd

Historical steps in integer factorization

- 1975, Morrison, Brillhard, continued fraction method CFRAC, factorization of $2^{27} + 1 = 2^{128} + 1$, see the *Cunningham project*
<https://homes.cerias.purdue.edu/~ssw/cun/>
 $2^{128} + 1 = 340282366920938463463374607431768211457 =$
 $59649589127497217 \times 5704689200685129054721$
- 1981, Dixon, random squares method
- 70's, unpublished: Schroepfel, Linear Sieve
- 1982, Pomerance, Quadratic Sieve
- 1987, Lenstra, Elliptic Curve Method (ECM)
- 1993, Buhler, Lenstra, Pomerance, General Number Field Sieve

Factorization and Discrete Log Records with NFS



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Compute a gcd (greatest common divisor):

$\gcd(988 - 1, 2021) = 47$, $\gcd(988 + 1, 2021) = 43$.

$N = 43 \times 47$

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$\prod_{i \in I} n_i = \prod_{p_k} \text{prime}_{\leq B} p_k^{e_k}$ and e_k even

$X = \prod_{i \in I} (a_i + m) \pmod{N}$, $Y = \sqrt{\prod_{i \in I} n_i} \pmod{N}$

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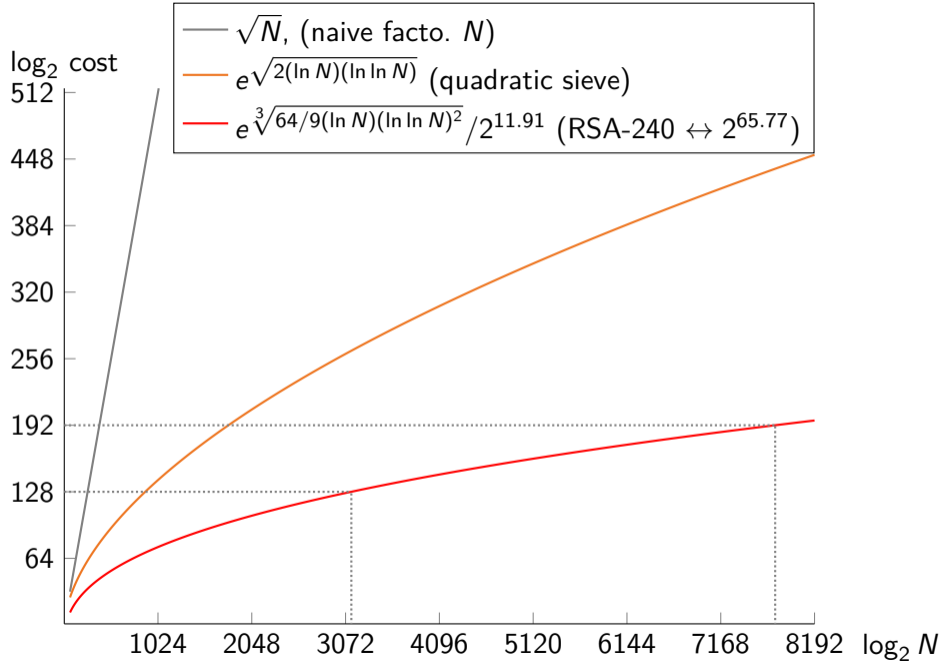
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Quadratic Sieve: limitations for large numbers

Complexity: $e^{\sqrt{(2+o(1)) \ln N \ln \ln N}}$

- $n = (a + m)^2 - N \approx 2A\sqrt{N}$
Factor integers of size $\approx 2A\sqrt{N}$
- $\#\mathcal{F} = \#\{\text{primes up to } B\} \approx B / \ln B$
- Computes left kernel of huge linear system modulo 2



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Nowadays' method: the Number Field Sieve

- developed in the 80's and 90's
- reduce the size of the numbers to be factored from $A_0\sqrt{N}$ to $A^d\sqrt[d]{N}$ for a smaller $A < A_0$ and $d \in \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- two huge steps: collecting relations, solving a large sparse system

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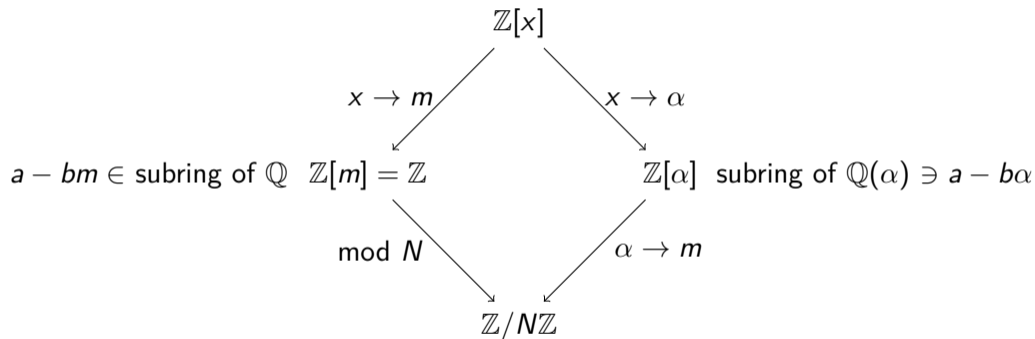
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Commutative diagram for NFS



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→ To factor N , factor many smaller integers.

a, b	$a - bm = \text{factor in } \mathbb{Z}$	$a^2 + 15ab + 7b^2$	factor in $\mathbb{Z}[\alpha]$
-23,2	$-99 = -3^2 \cdot 11$	$-133 = -7 \cdot 19$	$(7^+)(19^+)$
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-9,2	$-85 = -5 \cdot 17$	$-161 = -7 \cdot 23$	$(7^+)(23^-)$
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6,1	$-32 = -2^5$	$133 = 7 \cdot 19$	$(7^+)(19^-)$
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Build the matrix of relations:

- one row per (a, b) pair s.t. both sides are smooth
- one column per prime $\{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17\}$
- one column per prime ideal $(7^+), (7^-), (19^+), (19^-), (23^+), (23^-)$
- store the exponents mod 2

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$$X = 150 \cdot 530400 = 1314 \text{ mod } N \qquad Y = (-12103 - 25137m) = 750 \text{ mod } N$$

$$\text{gcd}(X - Y, N) = 47, \text{ gcd}(X + Y, N) = 43 \qquad N = 43 \cdot 47$$

Factorization with NFS: recap

1. Polynomial selection: find two irreducible polynomials in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ sharing a common root m modulo N
2. Relation collection: computes many smooth relations
3. Linear algebra: takes logarithms mod 2 of the relations: large sparse matrix over \mathbb{F}_2 , computes left kernel
4. Characters: find a combination of the vectors of the kernel so that $X^2 \equiv Y^2 \pmod{N}$
5. Square root: computes X, Y
6. Factor N : computes $\gcd(X - Y, N)$

Plan

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Latest record computations

 Fabrice Boudot, Pierrick Gaudry, Aurore Guillevic, Nadia Heninger, Emmanuel Thomé, and Paul Zimmermann.

Comparing the difficulty of factorization and discrete logarithm: A 240-digit experiment.

In Daniele Micciancio and Thomas Ristenpart, editors, *CRYPTO 2020, Part II*, volume 12171 of *LNCS*, pages 62–91. Springer, Heidelberg, August 2020.

Factorization of RSA-240 (795 bits) in December 2019
and RSA-250 (829 bits) in February 2020

Video at Crypto: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=Qk207A4H7kU>

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RSA-240 = 124620366781718784065835044608106590434820374651678805754818
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054865537970253930571891217684318286362846948405301614416430
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RSA-250 = 214032465024074496126442307283933356300861471514475501779775492
088141802344714013664334551909580467961099285187247091458768739
626192155736304745477052080511905649310668769159001975940569345
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32024532344630238623598752668347708737661925585694639798853367,
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87023841729210037080257448673296881877565718986258036932062711

Breaking the previous record: Why?

- Record computations needed for key-size recommendations
- Open-source software Cado-NFS
- Motivation to improve all the steps
- Testing folklore ideas competitive only for huge sizes
- Exploits improvements of ECM (Bouvier–Imbert PKC'2020)
- Scaling the code for larger sizes improves the running-time on smaller sizes

The CADO-NFS software

Record computations with the CADO-NFS software.

- Important software development effort since 2007.
- 250k lines of C/C++ code, 60k for relation collection only.
- Significant improvements since 2016.
 - improved parallelism: strive to get rid of scheduling bubbles;
 - versatility: large freedom in parameter selection;
 - prediction of behaviour and yield: essential for tuning.
- Open source (LGPL), open development model (gitlab).
Our results can be reproduced.

Factorization 240 dd

$$N = \text{RSA-240}$$

Polynomial selection

$$m = 105487753732969860223795041295860517380/17780390513045005995253$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 = & 10853204947200x^6 \\ & -4763683724115259920x^5 \\ & -6381744461279867941961670x^4 \\ & +974448934853864807690675067037x^3 \\ & +179200573533665721310210640738061170x^2 \\ & +1595712553369335430496125795083146688523x \\ & -221175588842299117590564542609977016567191860 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_0 = & 17780390513045005995253x \\ & -105487753732969860223795041295860517380 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Res}(f_0, f_1) = 120N$$

Integers $(a - bm)$ much smaller than $\text{Norm}(a - b\alpha)$.

Relation collection with lattice sieving

Most time-consuming part.

How to enumerate (a, b) , and detect smooth $a - b\alpha$, $a - bm$?

Special- q (spq) Sieving

ideal $\mathfrak{q} = (q, \alpha - r)$ in $\mathbb{Z}[\alpha]$ s.t. $\text{Norm}(\mathfrak{q}) = q$

Basis $(q, \alpha - r) \rightarrow$ reduced basis $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = (u_0 + u_1\alpha, v_0 + v_1\alpha)$

$(a - b\alpha) \rightarrow i\mathbf{u} + j\mathbf{v} = s - t\alpha$, and $q \mid \text{Norm}(s - t\alpha)$

Allow Parallelization

Consider all primes $q \in [0.8G, 7.4G]$ ($G=10^9$) s.t. $\exists \mathfrak{q}$

- for $q \in [0.8G, 2.1G]$: **Lattice Sieve** on both sides
- for $q \in [2.1G, 7.4G]$: **Lattice Sieve** for f_1 (large norms) and **Factorization Tree** for f_0 (much smaller norms)

spq $\approx 3.0e8 \approx 2^{28}$

Sieve area per spq: $\mathcal{A} = [-2^{15}, 2^{15}] \times [0, 2^{16}]$, $\#\mathcal{A} = 2^{32}$

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✗	$2^2 \cdot 5^4 \cdot 439 \cdot 1483 \cdot 13121 \cdot 21383 \cdot 67751 \cdot 452059523 \cdot 33099515051$	$2^2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 5023 \cdot 3683209 \cdot 98660459 \cdot 802234039 \cdot 1506372871 \cdot 4564625921 \cdot 27735876911 \cdot 32612130959 \cdot 45729461779$

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Before linear algebra: filtering step

as many cheap combinations as possible \rightarrow smaller matrix

Relation collection looks like

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Discrete Log 240 dd

$$p = N + 49204, \ell = (p - 1)/2 \text{ prime}$$

$$f_1 = 39x^4 + 126x^3 + x^2 + 62x + 120$$

$$f_0 = 286512172700675411986966846394359924874576536408786368056 x^3 \\ + 24908820300715766136475115982439735516581888603817255539890 x^2 \\ - 18763697560013016564403953928327121035580409459944854652737 x \\ - 236610408827000256250190838220824122997878994595785432202599$$

$$\text{Res } f_0, f_1 = -540p$$

More balanced integers

Smaller matrix but kernel modulo large prime ℓ

Relations, matrix size, core-years timings

	RSA-240	DLP-240
polynomial selection deg f_0 , deg f_1	76 core-years 1, 6	152 core-years 3, 4
relation collection	794 core-years	2400 core-years
raw relations	8 936 812 502	3 824 340 698
unique relations	6 011 911 051	2 380 725 637
filtering	days	days
after singleton removal	2 603 459 110 × 2 383 461 671	1 304 822 186 × 1 000 258 769
after clique removal	1 175 353 278 × 1 175 353 118	149 898 095 × 149 898 092
after merge	282M rows, density 200	36M rows, density 253
linear algebra	83 core-years	625 core-years
characters, sqrt, ind log	days	days

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Comparisons:

- Comparison with previous record (DLP-768, 232 digits, 2016):
On **identical hardware**, our DLP-240 computation would have taken **less time** than the 232-digits computation.
- Finite field DLP is not **much** harder than integer factoring.

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Factorization of RSA-240 (795 bits) in December 2019
and RSA-250 (829 bits) in February 2020

Video at Crypto: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=Qk207A4H7kU>

RSA and the quantum computer

1994: Peter Shor, algorithm for integer factorization with a quantum computer

Factorization of a n -bit integer requires a perfect quantum computer with $2n$ qbits (quantum bits)

Quantum computer extremely hard to build

Record computation in 2018: $4\,088\,459 = 2017 \times 2027$

RSA-1024 (bits) will be factored before a quantum computer become competitive.